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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Stockton – Man Accused of Pointing Laser at Police Aircraft Arrested

(U) Maximino Monje, 30, was detained and then arrested after he allegedly pointed a laser at a police aircraft. Stockton Police say Falcon 1-0 was over March Lane when the pilot reported a laser strike in the cockpit. With the help of the aircraft, officers were able to track down the area where the light came from and detained the suspect. Monje is now facing charges of willful discharge of a laser at an aircraft. Aiming a laser pointer at an aircraft could also possibly lead to federal charges.

SOURCE: 2 November 2020, [CBS13](#)

(U) Torrance – Man Charged with Vandalism, Hate Crime in Attack Caught on Video

(U) Gregory Edward Howell, 29, of Carson, was charged with one count of assault with a deadly weapon and a special hate crime allegation, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. The incident occurred on 22 July, when Howell and his wife, Rachel Howell, were involved in an altercation with two other people. He allegedly got out of his vehicle and struck the victims' vehicle with a large shovel several times and can be heard in the video yelling "white power" while doing a Nazi salute.

SOURCE: 2 November 2020, [KTLA5](#)

(U) Yolo County – Voter Intimidation Incident Being Investigated by County District Attorney

(U) The Yolo County District Attorney says it is investigating an incident of voter intimidation. According to the DA, the elections office contacted them about a note found on a voter's door: "If you are not a citizen, you are not allowed to vote." The DA's office says a statement attached to the note told the voter to "complete a state voter registration cancellation form to return it to the county election office."

SOURCE: 2 November 2020, [Fox40](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Armed Smuggler Arrested by US Border Patrol

(U) Niland – During an immigration inspection at the Highway 111 checkpoint, agents requested and received consent to inspect the trunk of a vehicle. Upon opening the trunk, agents discovered one male subject laying down in the trunk. During further inspection of the vehicle, agents discovered a weapon with two magazines containing 13 rounds and a suppressor inside of the vehicle's glove box. Agents also discovered marijuana and other drug paraphernalia inside the vehicle. Agents arrested the driver and illegal alien for further processing.

SOURCE: 2 November 2020, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Postal Service Investigates Mail Backlog in Florida

(U) Washington – The US Postal Service said it had discovered a backlog of 180,000 pieces of

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undelivered mail in south Florida but few ballots for Tuesday's presidential election. The Postal Service said in a court filing that the review was prompted by video posted on Twitter of delayed mail at the Princeton Station in Miami-Dade County. USPS said it utilized an additional team of employees and managers on-site to sort and deliver the mail backlog. Investigations are underway by the Office of the Inspection, US Postal Inspectors and management.

SOURCE: 2 November 2020, [US News](#)

(U) Indiana – Man Arrested After Assaulting Two Workers at Polling Site

(U) Mulberry – The Clinton County Sheriff's Office said that a man was arrested after deputies responded to a "disturbance" at a voting center. Douglas Earl, 48, of Frankfort, Indiana, had entered the polling site wanting to vote, but did not have the required valid identification and was turned away by poll workers, according to police. Earl then began to walk around the inside of the building around where the voting machines were, and again was told to leave by poll workers. "After several attempts to get him to leave, the subject began striking two workers," the sheriff's office said. Earl was arrested for battery resulting in bodily injury and disorderly conduct.

SOURCE: 2 November 2020, [Fox News](#)

(U) Louisiana – Convicted Church Arsonist Sentenced to 25 Years in Federal Prison

(U) Lafayette – Holden James Matthews, 22, was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison in Lafayette, Louisiana, at the conclusion of a two-day hearing. He pleaded guilty in February to three counts of using fire to commit a felony and three counts of intentional damage to religious property, which are hate crimes under the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996. Federal prosecutors said Matthews admitted to setting the fires because of the "religious character of these buildings."

SOURCE: 2 November 2020, [ABC News](#)

(U) Oregon – Governor Places National Guard on Standby for Election

(U) Portland – Oregon Governor Kate Brown on Monday put the National Guard on standby for a 48-hour period around Election Day and used her executive authority to activate a unified command of state troopers, sheriff's deputies, and Portland police to handle any protests. The unified command will begin at 5 p.m. Monday and end at 5 p.m. Wednesday. It can be extended if necessary, Brown said.

SOURCE: 2 November 2020, [The Seattle Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Austria – Four Killed and More Than 20 Injured in Terrorist Attack

(U) Vienna – At least four people have died and 22 injured after a terrorist shooting and knife attack at multiple locations across central Vienna. Two men and two women died of their injuries after the attack, which took place hours before a COVID-19 lockdown was to begin. The suspect, armed with an automatic rifle, a handgun, a machete, and had been wearing a fake suicide vest was shot dead by police nine minutes into the attack. It is now believed the lone assailant, is a 20-year-old man of North Macedonian origin convicted last year for membership of ISIS after being arrested on his way to Syria to join the group, officials said. The man, who also possessed an Austrian passport, was released early from a 22-month prison sentence in December. 14 people associated with the assailant have been detained for questioning in searches on 18 properties in and near Vienna.

SOURCE: 3 November 2020, [The Guardian](#)

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(U) France – Country to Ban Far-right Group Grey Wolves

(U) Lyon – France is banning the far-right Turkish group Grey Wolves after a memorial to the Armenian genocide near Lyon was defaced with pro-Turkish slogans. The memorial was daubed with yellow graffiti over the weekend that included Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's initials. The move to ban the Grey Wolves will be put to the French cabinet later this week. The ban will mean that any activities or meetings by the group could lead to fines or imprisonment, French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said.

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